

SOFT PROOFING SYSTEM

ABSTRACT

In one embodiment, the invention is directed to soft proofing system that
5 incorporates one or more of the features to promote controlled viewing conditions. For
example, the invention can provide a soft proofing system in which an administrator can
control the proofing process by limiting or restricting the ability to view an image until
acceptable viewing conditions have been met. The image may have an associated set of
viewing conditions that can be specified by the administrator. Then, when the image is
10 sent to a viewing station, the ability to view the image can be restricted until one or more
viewing conditions have been met at that viewing station. With controlled viewing
conditions, the soft proof reviewers obtain more uniform output. In this manner, the
system can provide safeguards to ensure that the images viewed at the viewing station
have acceptable color accuracy.